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DAY

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MISS BILLS MARRIES

Sniff, sniff, so sniffed twenty-five people, as the odor of delicious fried hamburgers floated by their noses in D.H. 32, last Wednesday night.

An informal gathering was held by the journalism class, in honor of Miss Bills, former journalism teacher and head librarian, who is leaving to marry Mr. Keith Gates.

To top off the evening, Mrs. Boardman sang a solo, and May Hayashida and George Yoshioka a duet. Refreshments consisted of thick, juicy hamburger patties, mouth-watering french fries, luscious jello, and that "pause that refreshes"—Coca Cola!

As a token of appreciation, the journalism class presented a gift to Miss Bills.

TOPAZ HIGH STUDENTS VOLUNTEER

This week Topaz High School will lose four students, Walton Morita, Yutaka Kagami, Leo Kishii, and George Yoshioka, who have volunteered their services to the U.S. Army.

They will take a physical examination sometime this week and will be inducted at Salt Lake City.

Everyone wishes good luck to these boys!

"HELLO DAY" SET FOR MARCH 17

In an effort to promote new acquaintances, the entire student body of the Topaz High school will participate in the "Hello Day" activities, announced for March 17, 1943.

For those who have been anxious to meet some one, but did not know how to, here's the answer.

During registry period on Wednesday, bids will be distributed to the students. Those are to be autographed during the course of the class schedules by persons you have not yet met.

DING!!
DONG!!

Listen! The bell is ringing, for it's 8:50 A. M.. We'll all have to wake up earlier from now on, because Daylight Saving Time is being put into effect!

On petition, the bell was moved from the "plaza" to Block 32 for school use. Before, the students used to get out of class at different times because the gong, which we had for our former bell, wasn't loud enough.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 17 is the day on which the Irish commemorate their great national Saint, who died at Saul, County Down, March 17, 493, at the patriarchal age of 106.

For over 14 centuries, this same spirit of reverencing the memory of Patrick has survived in the hearts of Irish men and Irish women in every part of the world.

To top off the day of "acquaintance making", a matinee dance will be held at 4 P.M. at Dining Hall #32, with Harry Kitano as Emcee. Records of such name bands as Glenn Miller will provide the music.

"There will be no admission charges", declared Rhoda Nishimura, chmn. of Hello Day, "but contributions to defray the expenses will be accepted."

SCHOOL GETS SCRUBBING

Topaz High's Clean-up Day was a successful accomplishment. The girls and boys of both Sr. and Jr. High showed enthusiasm and fine cooperation. The boys shoveled gravel and laid it out, while the girls cleaned the interiors of the classrooms. Our reward was, a better school ground, and the praise of our neighboring blocks. Mr. Adams, who was in charge, made the day the success that it was.

COME ON! LET'S ALL DO OUR BIT TO IMPROVE THE PAPER!

After all that humble entreaty for more letters to the Editor, criticisms, suggestions, etc., in the last issue, only a shameful number of the afore-mentioned were dropped into that box in the library. Come now, is that all the enthusiasm you, as an individual, have for the school paper? Don't you want our "Topazette" to be the best school paper put out by the students of any of the relocation centers? Of course you do! With the cooperation of each and every student here in Topaz High School, the "Topazette" can, and will, become the best!

It isn't asking too much of you to scribble down on a slip of paper something that you especially would like to see written up in the paper, is it? You know, maybe your school paper back home had a column which was popular with the students. Suggestions of this nature are definitely welcome!

Beware of procrastination! Don't wait till tomorrow, or the next day, to put your bit into that box, do it right away! Puhlee---eeese!!!



THESE BOYS, WITH "HEINIES"!

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The 5th period Physics class doubled up with laughter as they enjoyed a free demonstration on "How to Snooze" by Kingo Kotake.

Dave Yamate, a square's delight, is said to be running after Naomi Kitagawa.

Sambo Nakaso has been quoted to be crazy for "Dinah Shore".

Mrs. Boardman has been learning to cut a mean rug. Watch out, Dorothy Aoki---competition!

A notice to Shijo's blockheads: Trying to get hep to the time and copy the new fad of the A.C.'s?

Don't worry, "Cow Patch" Katayanagi, Tak still loves you!

It's been said that Shizu Nishino can be picked easily out of a crowd by that strut of hers!

CORE CLASS BONER

"I've permission from the 'flowing' people to give their names as references."

IDEAL GIRL?

I'll take a girl who
doesn't smoke
Who doesn't laugh at a
shady joke,
I'll take a girl who's
hard to get
Who hasn't kissed every
man she's met
Up to the Museum of
Ancient History!

Exchange Extracts

POSTON III PETRIFIED

Here's a nice ditty.

"Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Orchids are \$3.50,
So nuts to you!"

The Postoners are thinking of restricting school socials to students only. Plenty of complaints have been heard concerning this matter. A very good way to correct this is by petition. How about it?

BUTTE DESERT SENTINEL

There's a girl in Butte who can tap-dance, sing, play the piano, sew, and cook!

Are there any reasonable facsimilies in Topaz?

There is also a pretty neat love-lorn column. Are there enough troubles here to add a similar column in the "Topazette"?

ROHWER HI-LITES

This sheet has a "wanted" section which advertises that a woman wants a man. What kind of girl is she to have to refer to the classified ads. I hope there isn't any such thing in Topaz!

HEART MT. ECHOES

According to the "Heart Mt. Echoes", the student body had a March of Dimes dance which netted quite a sum of money. Of course, we don't have to have it for some charitable institution, but you know the old saying, "charity begins at home".

FFA ELECTS OFFICERS

In a meeting held by the agricultural students, the following were elected as the officers for the Future Farmers of America organization: President, Jim Hayashi; Vice-Pres., Tom Masuda; Secretary, Toshiki Suzuki; Sergeant of Arms, Dick Katayanagi.

To be a member of the F.F.A., the student must take 420 minutes of ag science per week. Part of this time may be obtained on projects or from the work program.

The club plans to have a field day, and a Father and Son outing when the weather moderates. The walks around the school are to be repaired, also.

Flag Raising Ceremony

Last Monday, Topaz High held its first flag raising ceremony with the pledge of allegiance led by B.A. Pres., Eichichi Adachi. This ceremony will be held every Monday morning.

Two stuttering blacksmiths had just finished heating a piece of pig iron and one placed it upon the anvil with a pair of tongs.

"G-g-g-g-go on, h-h-h-h-hit it," he stuttered to his helper.

"Wh-wh-wh-where shush-shush-shall I h-h-hit it?" asked the other.

"Aw, h-h-heck, now we'll h-have to ne-he-he-heat it all over again!"

CLASS NEWS

JOURNAL COMMITTEE

Plans for the school journal and organization of a staff for the same were discussed at the journal committee meeting held last Friday afternoon.

Several capable students were nominated for the important position of editor-in-chief, and from this list, the members of the committee elected Ken Shimomura. The rest of the staff is to be chosen at a later meeting.

The faculty advisors are Dr. "Joe" Goodman and Mrs. Boardman.

MEET THE FACULTY

Did you know that a member of our Topaz High School faculty taught music for five years at the Dwight School in Englewood, New Jersey? Yes, she is Mrs. Donnell W. Boardman, a graduate of Smith College in Northampton, Mass., where she majored in English. She also took many music courses, enabling her to teach instrumental, vocal, choral, and theory of music. Mrs. Boardman is now teaching senior English and Journalism. She likes it here at Topaz.

SCORPION

OUR NAME

CURIOSITY CORNER

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to those who contributed suggestions for the name of the Jr. High section of the school paper. "Scorpion" took the spotlight and won. It was submitted by Ayako Miyazaki, a ninth grader. She was awarded a box of candy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Students:

Beginning with this issue of the "Scorpion", we are going to feature a new column named "Letters to the Editor". In this column all questions, gripes, and criticisms concerning the whole Jr. High will be printed together with the answers supplied by the editor, teacher, and the proper authorities. No true name is necessary. The box will be placed opposite the charging desk in the library. Do not confuse yourself by putting your queries in the box with the big question mark because you will not get a response.

Why that box is still there, is a big question even to me!

Jr. High Editor

FACULTY NEWS

We are fortunate to have new teachers added to our faculty. Miss Eloise Sundquist, a former member of Texas College, is now teaching ninth grade English.

The 7th grade have got two new teachers. They are Mrs. Larson and Mr. Harris, both of them from Delta.

RED CROSS

The Topaz Jr. High showed their spirit in the huge success of the Red Cross Drive in which the students took part very cooperatively. Mary Komaru, Jr. Red Cross chmn., said, "I'm sure you won't see a single student without a red cross button on (I hope), I would like to thank every student who participated in contributing to the Red Cross.

CLEAN-UP

Friday, March 5, Topaz Jr. High was buzzing with activity, for that was the day that our school got a good scrubbing behind the ears. Just picture Dr. Goodman, shoveling gravel, with all his muscles bulging out, and Miss Caffal in drape shape slacks scrubbing the walls and floors. All in all, it was a huge success and a lot of fun.

Neat bracelets you have there Miya N. (Shozo T. is skillful, isn't he?)

Is that Bob U.'s heart beating full blast, when June Yamada walks by???

Why are all the boys going after "Tamago Head"? Is it because of the scarcity of eggs?

"Chiyo K.", boys just adore your Pepsodent smile. Tillie, the Toiler, and Mac, of Topaz Jr. High.... (Rugi and Lilyann).

Miyuki Wada, don't give the boys such a quick brush off! Give them a chance!!!

Frank Shidawara, do you put wave clamps on your hair---or is it just natural???

Addition to Staff

Several students interested in journalism have been added to our staff. They are as follows: Alice Nomura, Alice Mori, Michi Nishino, and Norma Kanzaki. We gladly welcome these people and anyone else interested, come and join up!

Eighth Grade

The 8th grade held their grade meeting on March 8, under the chairmanship of Ken Yamanaka. The main topics discussed were the year book, and the 8th grade program.



Geel! Gals, with the summer just around the corner, guess we won't be seeing much of those big, black, wrap-around G.I. jackets any more

Miss it? Why shore--- especially Annabelle, who practically hid in it. Cute thought!

Greetings to gingham checks, candy stripes, flowered prints, seersuckers, and all those luscious things.

During the hot, roasting days of summer, cotton dresses and play clothes will be quite the thing.

Oh! Yes! Don't forget the cute sandals to go with them. After all--- feet get hot, too!

Argyle socks 'n argyle sweaters---oh! What heaven! Don't we envy those who know how to knit.

Miye Yanagi is seen around school flashing a simply super scrumptious, home-knit Argyle sweater and socks set. Aren't we all green-eyed with envy!

Skirts, sweaters, and jackets will always be tops with the high school gals---and we say, "more power to them".

As for the rugged individuals or the "Daisy Jones" of Topaz High School, there are still the old faithful jeans and plaid shirts---the pigtails included!

Prepare for the hot, blistering summer, now!

Rambling Reporter

The question of the week, as our rambling reporters have found out, is, "What do you think of afternoon dances?"

MISS SUNDQUIST, Algebra teacher: "It's all right, but to cut out class time, no!!!

"POTAE" NAKATA, Sophomore: "Yippee! Now maybe the 'hep' boys can get a K.D. with the 'hep' chicks' of Topaz High." (You don't mean C.N., do you?)

AIMEE NOMURA, Junior: "Big chance for sad bags. It'd be swell with Tom Tsuji's orchestra!" (Sigh!)

YAE SEKIMACHI, Senior: "Strictly solid if we have some really righteous music---and if all the kids participate and turn out for them."

"PORKY KAJIWARA, Junior: "I don't like the idea. Too many spectators!"

HARRY KOMARU, Senior: "Yeah, man! I think it's a good idea, if all the 'cats' and 'chicks' show up at the afternoon dances."

MAY HONDA, Seniors: "Sure, it's O.K.... How about holding special classes for those who don't know how to dance? You know, for stupid people like me!"

MAY HAYASHIDA, Junior: "I think the kids will enjoy it. Let's have it some time in place of the usual Friday assemblies we have!"

TOPAZ SCORES OVER HINCKLEY

For the second time in succession, Topaz scored a victory. The "A" team score was 25-15 and a 31-13 score for the "B's".

Box scores of outstanding players are as follows:

"A" Team				
Players	Pos.	fg.	ft.	tp.
Nakahiro	C	5	1	11
Nakamura	F	3	0	6
Hirano	G	1	0	2
Matsuzaki	G	1	0	2
Minemoto	G	1	0	2
Kashima	C	1	0	2
		12	1	25

"B" Team				
Players	Pos.	fg.	ft.	tp.
Yozo	G	6	0	12
Hirota	C	5	0	10
Horita	G	2	0	4
Mizono	F	2	0	4
Yamada	F	1	1	3
		16	1	33

Girls Sports Signup

There will be another sign up for girls interested in club activities and sports. The G.A. president has picked a committee of two girls from each grade. Miss Fujii has been chosen for the G.A. advisor. There will be a meeting in the near future so we want all the girls to come out.



INTER-CLASS BASKETBALL

By Ochi

Basketball feuds that have threatened to flare up many times before will finally become a reality when eight teams crash in the initial games of the first Topaz High inter-class tournament, starting at 4:15 today.

A huge turn-out is expected at the local high school court throughout the tournament, signifying a definite "Civil War" among the classes.

The highlight of the race will be the game between the Seniors and Juniors. Both teams are heavy favorites. The Juniors have a smooth aggregation, lead by Adachi, Hidekawa, and Shimizu. Not to be outdone, the Seniors have versatile Tomioka, Momii, and Yamamura.

The dark horses of the tournament are the faculty members and the Sophomores but they will prove very troubling for the favorites.

GAMES TODAY

Senior A vs. Junior A
Sophomore A vs. Faculty
Senior B vs. Junior B
Sophomore B vs. Freshmen B

COACH DAVE CROWTON
NEW DIRECTOR OF P.E.

BOXING

"Topaz High appeals to me very much and the basketball team rates with the best in the state," said Coach Dave Crowton, the new director of boys' P.E., who filled the vacancy left by Mr. Sumner Hale.

Coach Crowton comes from Brigham Young University Training School, where he was director of health and physical education, teaching future P.E. teachers in that field.

He is a graduate of Granite High School in Salt Lake City, where he played basketball for three years. He attended B.Y.U., and there he continued playing basketball for two more years. Coach Crowton was also the former secretary of the State Coaches' Association of Utah.

Boxing classes are now open to the students of Topaz High at Rec. 38. First cuff classes are under the instruction of Dick Miyashiro and Al Yamanaka. Mr. Miyashiro fought professionally back in Hawaii.

The bags, speed bags, mats, gloves, and other equipment are all here, so start training for the coming high school tournament.

At the present time, boxing is being taught after school, but arrangements for the students to take boxing during gym hours are being made.

Until now, boxing lessons have been under the instruction of "Tiger" Matsumoto. Hats off to him for volunteering in the army!

INTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

Intramural athletics is entirely an "extra-curricular" activity at the Topaz City High School. All of the sports and events will be conducted after school hours on an entirely voluntary basis. The program will be diversified to meet the needs of the entire student body, and the various sports will be planned to attract some who might not have participated as yet.

General plans are as follows:

1. Competition is by core rooms.

2. League competition will be formed as follows:

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| a-7th grade | (4 teams) |
| b-8th grade | (4 teams) |
| c-9th-10th grades | (8 teams) |
| d-11th-12th grades | (7 teams) |

3. Each core class will select an intramural manager, and he will have the responsibility of getting teams ready to play.

4. Managers will submit names of entrants for his core teams to the P.E. Department, where entrants will be posted for each team.

5. Players are eligible to play on one team only.